



## Logging Camp Trail



This trail is evidence of successful restoration of former logging road.

### TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Starting at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center, drive south on Kennedy Memorial Drive towards the Whiskeytown Dam. The road forks. Take the left fork which changes names to Paige Bar Road. Look for the parking area at the Mt. Shasta Mine trailhead. The dirt road directly across from the parking area leads to the trail head.

Hikers may wish to drive down the dirt road and cross the bridge. Park near the restrooms at the Peltier Bridge Primitive Campground.

Mountain bikers and equestrians should park at the Mount Shasta Mine trailhead. Cross the paved road and continue down the dirt road, crossing the bridge. Look for the trail head sign on the southeast side of the restrooms.

### TRAIL DESCRIPTION

From the southeast side of the restroom proceed on the road adjacent to Clear Creek to a signed trail that climbs the hill above the lower campsites. At the top you will see the Hydraulic Mine trail sign on the left. Continue to the right where a metal gate is located and follow the road downhill. The trail head sign for Logging Camp Trail is located to the right across a small stream crossing.

### FEATURES

- 2 miles round trip; 2-4 hours
- Historically used for activities such as logging and mining
- Award winning watershed restoration work can be noted
- Hikers, watch out for mountain bikers
- Connects to Kanaka Peak Loop Trail

The trail follows a watershed that runs east to west. The left (south) side receives more shade and moisture than the sunny and drier right (north) side.

Different plant species are seen on the left side. Notice fir, maple, alder, ferns and wild grape on the south side. On the sunny right side, oak, pine and manzanita are seen.

As the trail starts to climb, try to envision a road big enough to accommodate loaded logging trucks. Also take note of trail

restoration. The old road is now part of the existing hillside. Using heavy equipment, soil was hauled back from the downhill side of the road and piled on the uphill side to restore the slope. This is the same soil pushed to the down hill side of the slope decades ago by bulldozers as they graded the way to the bountiful trees upland. The area has since been revegetated with native grasses and shrubs such as willow.

The trail ends at the Kanaka Peak Loop Trail. Look at this guide for more information.

### TRAIL CLOSURES

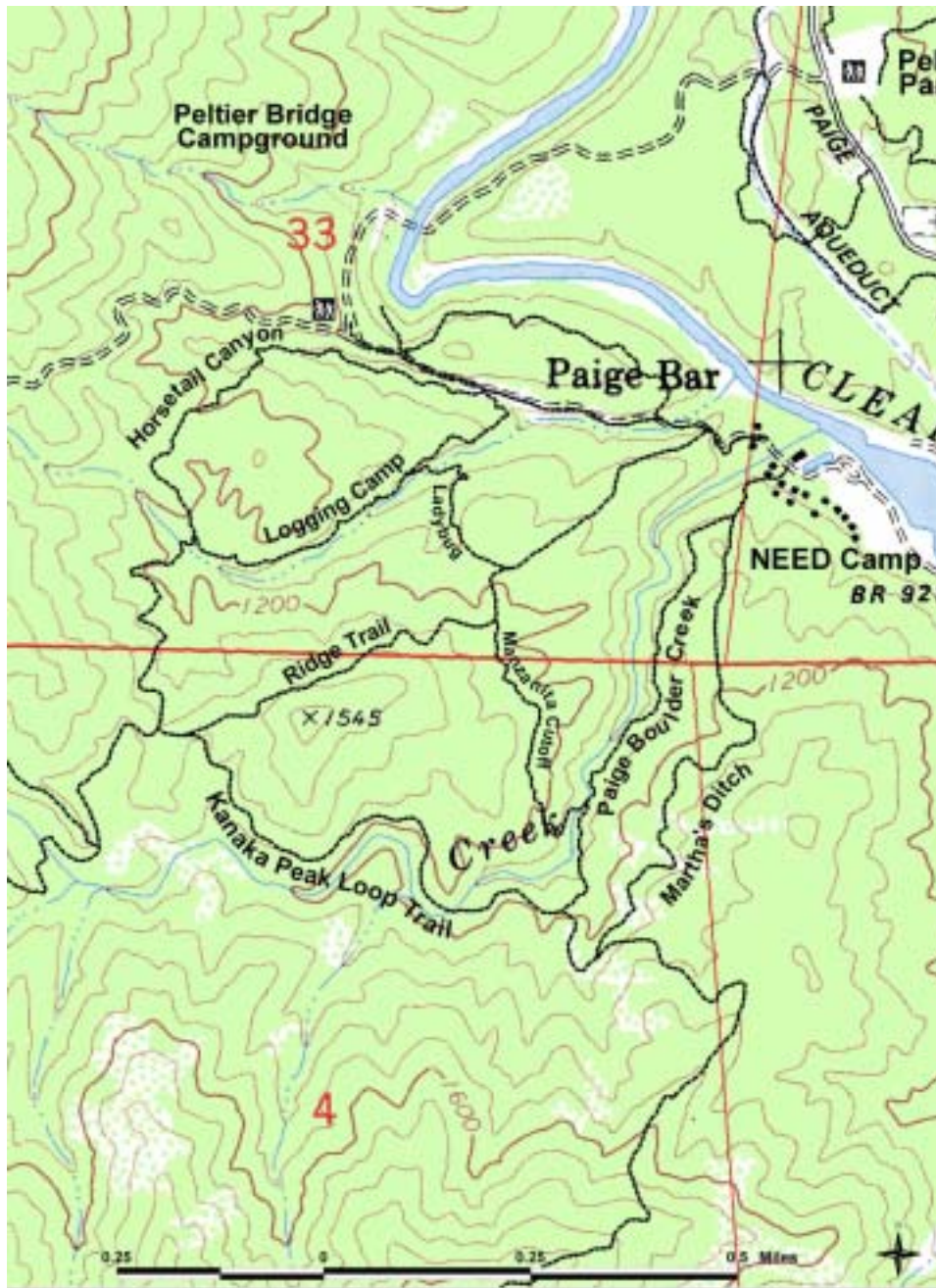
Both Horsetail Canyon and Lady Bug Lane trails are closed to the public. These trails are hiked by the Whiskeytown Environmental School students as part of their school "curriculum". Thank you for staying off these trails so that they can observe wildlife.

### OBSERVE THE EFFECTS OF RESTORATION AROUND YOU

"Before" photo (right) of the road prior to restoration. Note erosion on downhill side of trail. As you hike along this trail, look for places where this is working, and where follow up work may be needed.



The former road cut on this trail was mostly filled in and restored as close as possible to its pre road condition. The remaining trail has been outsloped to allow water to drain without creating ditches and gullies. Native vegetation has been encouraged by planting and mulching with straw.



## Trails of the Past

Each of the trails in the map section of this trail guide has a different story of past and present human use. While this guide focuses mainly on the Logging Camp trail, visitors should feel free to take short side trips from the main trail or add them in as part of an extended adventure into the backwoods.

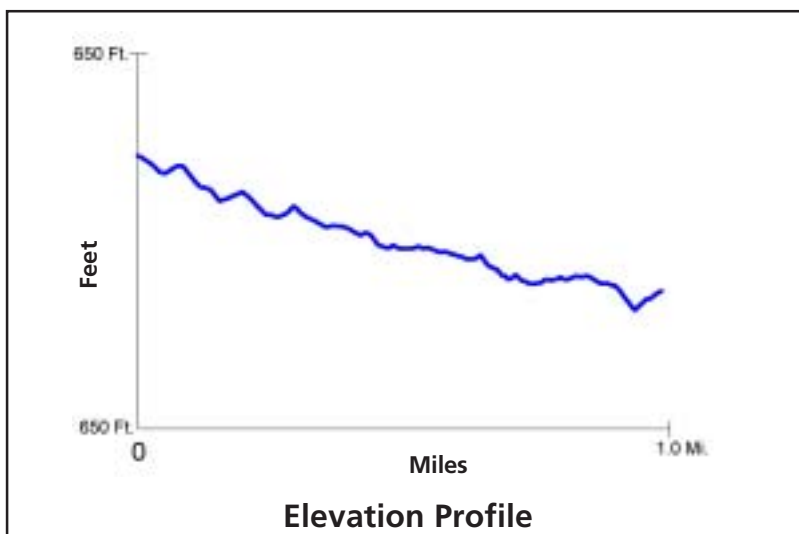
The Hydraulic Mine trail, for example, has tales stemming from the heyday of the California Gold Rush.

The Lady Bug Lane and Horsetail Canyon trails were probably discovered in the early 1970's by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Whiskeytown Environmental School. Students still walk these and other trails to learn about the surrounding natural environment.

Finally, the Logging Camp and Ridge trails were once dusty roads used to harvest the forest during the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As a result of a landside and debris torrent higher up in the hills in January 1997, this old logging road was converted to a trail through the efforts of various partners.

While all of the trails offer unique opportunities to explore and discover the backwoods of Whiskeytown, Logging Camp Trail provides a more significant story about an award winning restoration of a landscape that was damaged by past logging practices. Today one can see the landscape as it once was before road construction and experience a more natural and scenic route to be enjoyed by all.

For more information about watershed restoration and this award winning trail visit <http://www.salixaec.com>.



During the spring Dogwood trees offer up their white leaves disguised to look like a flower while hiding the true flower cluster in the middle.